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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A radio frequency (RF) down-convertor with reduced local oscillator leakage, for ~~demodulating an input signal  $x(t)$~~  emulating the demodulation of an input signal  $x(t)$  with a local oscillator signal having frequency  $f$ , said down-convertor comprising:

a synthesizer for generating mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  which vary irregularly over time, where:

$\phi_1 * \phi_2$  has significant power at the frequency  $f$  of said local oscillator signal being emulated;

neither  $\phi_1$  nor  $\phi_2$  has significant power at the frequency  $f$  of said local oscillator signal being emulated; and

said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are designed to emulate said local oscillator signal having frequency  $f$ , in a time domain analysis;

a first mixer coupled to said synthesizer for mixing said input signal  $x(t)$  with said mixing signal  $\phi_1$  to generate an output signal  $x(t) \phi_1$ ; and

a second mixer coupled to said synthesizer and to the output of said first mixer for mixing said signal  $x(t) \phi_1$  with said mixing signal  $\phi_2$  to generate an output signal  $x(t) \phi_1 \phi_2$ , said output signal  $x(t) \phi_1 \phi_2$  emulating the modulation of said input signal  $x(t)$  with said local oscillator signal having frequency  $f$ .

2. (Currently amended) The radio frequency (RF) down-convertor of claim 1 wherein said synthesizer ~~further comprises:~~ is further operable to generate mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , such that the product  $\phi_1 * \phi_1 * \phi_2$  will not result in a significant amount of power within the bandwidth of an input signal that the down-converter is designed to down-convert to baseband.

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~~a synthesizer for generating mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , where  $\phi_1 * \phi_1 * \phi_2$  does not have a significant amount of power within the bandwidth of said input signal  $x(t)$  at baseband.~~

3. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 2, further comprising:

a DC offset correction circuit.

4. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 3, wherein said DC offset correction circuit comprises:

a DC source having a DC output; and

a summer for adding said DC output to an output of one of said mixers.

5. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 2, further comprising:

a closed loop error correction circuit.

6. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 5, wherein said closed loop error correction circuit further comprises:

an error level measurement circuit and

a time varying signal modification circuit for modifying a parameter of one of said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  to minimize said error level.

7. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 6, wherein said error level measurement circuit comprises a power measurement.

8. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 6, wherein said error level measurement circuit comprises a voltage measurement.

9. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 6, wherein said error level measurement circuit comprises a current measurement.

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10. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 6, wherein said modified parameter is the phase delay of one of said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .

11. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 6, wherein said modified parameter is the fall or rise time of one of said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .

12. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 6, wherein said modified parameter includes both the phase delay and the fall or rise time of one of said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .

13. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 2 wherein said synthesizer further comprises:

a synthesizer for generating mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , where said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  can change with time in order to reduce errors.

14. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, further comprising:

a filter for removing unwanted signal components from said  $x(t)$   $\phi_1$  signal.

15. (Currently amended) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, wherein said mixing signal  $\phi_2$  ~~are random~~ is a square wave.

16. (Currently amended) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, wherein said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  ~~are pseudo-random~~ effect the modulation of an in-phase component of said input signal  $x(t)$ , and a complementary down-converter with mixing signals 90 degrees out of phase, is used to effect the modulation of a quadrature component of said input signal  $x(t)$ .

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17 (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, wherein said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are irregular.

18. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, wherein said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are digital waveforms.

19. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, wherein said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are square waveforms.

20. (Original) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, further comprising:

a local oscillator coupled to said synthesizer for providing a signal having a frequency that is an integral multiple of the desired mixing frequency.

21. (Currently amended) A method of demodulating a radio frequency (RF) signal  $x(t)$  with reduced local oscillator leakage comprising the steps of:

generating mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  which vary irregularly over time, where:

$\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  has significant power at the frequency  $f$  of a local oscillator signal being emulated, and neither  $\phi_1$  nor  $\phi_2$  has significant power at the frequency of said local oscillator signal being emulated; and

said mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are designed to emulate said local oscillator signal having frequency  $f$ , in a time domain analysis;

mixing said input signal  $x(t)$  with said mixing signal  $\phi_1$  to generate an output signal  $x(t) \phi_1$ ; and

mixing said signal  $x(t) \phi_1$  with said mixing signal  $\phi_2$  to generate an output signal  $x(t) \phi_1 \phi_2$ .

22. (Previously presented) An integrated circuit comprising the radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1.

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25. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, where said synthesizer uses different patterns to generate signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .

26. (Previously presented) The radio frequency (RF) down-converter of claim 1, wherein said synthesizer uses a single time base to generate both mixing signals  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .